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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Cypress – Former Student in Custody and Classes Postponed Due to Online Threat

(U) A former Cypress College student has been taken into custody and is currently being held for mental health evaluation after a credible threat of violence was made against the school via e-mail and text message. Cypress police told the school's campus safety department Sunday night about a threat that could possibly involve Cypress College. School officials deemed the threat as credible based on the suspect's behavioral issues in the past and prompted administrators to shut down the campus out of an abundance of caution until yesterday. The former student was expelled from the school after causing damage to the baseball team equipment as a result of being kicked off the team for poor performance. SOURCE: 5 March 2018, [ABC News](#)

(U) Sacramento – Arrests Made in Area Schools for Social Media Threats

(U) A student was arrested after a reported threat against Vista Del Lago High School in a text message that prompted a lockdown yesterday. Ryan Bernal, 18 of Rancho Cordova, was arrested on suspicion of making criminal threats. The school was placed on lockdown, but that was later lifted, and school went on as normal. In a separate incident, a former Roseville high school student was arrested after making threats on social media directed at a student at Adelante High School. Oakmont High School also received similar information. The suspect was located and arrested without incident. An AR-15-style weapon was found in the suspect's vehicle according to the school district, but there's no indication it was intended to be used to carry out any threats made.

SOURCE: 5 March 2018, [CBS Sacramento](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) North Carolina – Bus Driver Arrested After Posting Threat to Middle School

(U) Charlotte – Lashauna Hooker Beachum, 32, of Charlotte, was taken into custody after the Union County Sheriff's Office received complaints from numerous residents that she posted back-to-back social media threats against Porter Ridge Middle School. Beachum allegedly posted the first threat on Facebook on 2 March around 2 a.m., using a fake name. The threat was removed, but another one was posted soon after. Detectives traced the Facebook messages to Beachum's residence and determined that she posted it. However, detectives do not believe Beachum had the means or intention of acting on the threat.

SOURCE: 5 March 2018, [ABC News](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Belgium – Eight People Held After Anti-Terror Raids

(U) Brussels – Eight people were detained during raids linked to an anti-terrorism investigation yesterday. Police raided seven homes in the Brussels district of Molenbeek as well as the Flemish towns of Geraardsbergen and Mechelen. Local media reports that those being held were suspected of planning

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a militant attack. Prosecutors did not give any details, but said the case was not connected to the Paris attacks of November 2015, because the perpetrators of that attack were traced to the district of Molenbeek during the ensuing investigation.

SOURCE: 5 March 2018, [BBC](#)

(U) Iceland – Police Arrest Suspected Bitcoin Server Thieves

(U) Reykjavik – Police have arrested 11 people suspected of stealing more than 600 computers that were being used to mine crypto-currencies. The computers were stolen during four raids on data centers around Iceland. Two of the suspects are in custody, and nine have been released on bail. The stolen servers have not been recovered. Police were now contacting internet service providers (ISPs), electricians and storage units, asking them to report sudden spikes in power usage or other signs the stolen servers had been reconnected.

SOURCE: 5 March 2018, [Reuters](#)

(U) Mexico – Gunmen Kill Suspected Drug Lord at Hospital

(U) Mexico City – Mexican officials say four gunmen burst into a hospital in the Mexican resort of Cancun yesterday and shot to death a drug gang suspect and his wife. The suspected drug trafficker was Alfonso Contreras Espinoza, alias "El Poncho," according to a state official. Contreras Espinoza was arrested in July 2017 on weapons charges, but had been transferred from a local prison to a hospital under guard for treatment of leg problems. He was believed to head the Cancun operations of the Gulf drug cartel.

SOURCE: 5 March 2018, [KOIN 6](#)

(U) Philippines – Pro-ISIS Militant Arrested

(U) Manila – Philippine police announced the arrest of a suspected pro-Islamic State in Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS) extremist accused of killing civilians in the deadly siege of the southern city of Marawi in May 2017. Nasser Lomondot was arrested on 3 March in Manila, months after he fled the fighting in Marawi. Lomondot was arrested with a second pro-ISIS suspect, the Manila police chief said. The Philippine military warned last month that the remaining militants from Marawi have mustered a force of about 200 gunmen to launch a second attempt to set up a branch of the 'caliphate' in the country's south.

SOURCE: 5 March 2018, [France24](#)

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